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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
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FOR: IMAGE READING-OUT :  
APPARATUS, COPYING MACHINE,  
AND FACSIMILE DEVICE

AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated October 7, 2004, for the above-identified patent application, please consider the remarks below and amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 15 of this paper.